

## Senate Resolution 902

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th and Thompson of the 5th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Joe Addison; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Addison has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for his  
3 inspirational life story and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of  
4 Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Hampton County, South Carolina, Mr. Addison and his family  
6 worked as farmers until they lost their land and moved to Effingham County, Georgia, where  
7 he attended two years of school at Green Grove Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, he worked as a tree cutter as a child and sustained a severe injury when a tree  
9 he was cutting fell on him when he was 14; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Addison moved to Port Wentworth, Georgia, to find work, and it was there  
11 that he discovered his passion for buying cars, fixing them, and selling them for a profit; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1969, Mr. Addison opened his first car business, while working full time at  
13 Certainteed Products, a roofing products manufacturing company; and

14 WHEREAS, a natural leader, Mr. Addison was chosen as union representative by his fellow  
15 workers while at Certainteed and helped negotiate the first union with the company; and

16 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy to  
17 Certainteed for 45 years, all while running a thriving car business with the help of his cousin;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, today, Mr. Addison owns and operates two car dealerships and serves as an  
20 inspiration to others of what can be achieved with hard work, determination, and a dream;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
23 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 commend Mr. Joe Addison for his amazing accomplishments and extend to him their most  
26 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Joe Addison.